

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 90-556-R - ORDER NO. 90-775 ✓

August 14, 1990

IN RE: Requests from Jurisdictional Motor     )  
Carriers for Approval of a Fuel            )  
Surcharge.                                    )     ORDER

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of various requests from jurisdictional motor carriers for approval of a fuel surcharge based upon significantly increased fuel costs experienced by these carriers as a result of the current political crisis in the Middle East.

In response to these requests, the Commission Staff (the Staff) has formulated the following recommendations:

1. That motor carriers should be allowed to institute, on an emergency basis, a fuel surcharge of up to 5%.
2. That any motor carrier implementing such a fuel surcharge should be required to file with the Commission written notice of the implementation, the effective date and the amount of the surcharge.
3. That this emergency fuel surcharge should be allowed to remain in effect for up to thirty (30) days.

4. That any motor carrier desiring to continue a surcharge beyond thirty (30) days should file with the Commission cost justification supporting the requested surcharge.

5. That the emergency fuel surcharge should apply only to line-haul rates and fuel-related accessorial charges, and should apply evenly to all of the motor carrier's shippers.

6. That fuel surcharge funds collected should apply to increased fuel costs.

7. That motor carriers implementing the fuel surcharge should be subject to audit, and that the Commission should order refunds if abuse is found.

After a full and careful consideration of the Staff's recommendations and the situation wherein they have been proffered, the Commission finds these recommendations to be just and reasonable, and further finds that it is in the public interest to approve them.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

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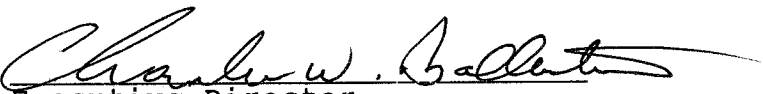
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
VICE Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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